Registered Charity N No: SC029502
Company No: 343670

BOARD MEETING

Minutes of GFW Board Meeting Tuesday 04 March 2025
Meeting held at 6pm using Zoom Meeting App

Item	Minute	Action
1	**Present** K Lane (Chair); K Muirhead; E Malloy; MT Allison; R Warrilow; and R Melrose (Treasurer). **In Attendance** F Allison (Senior Tutor); and D Higgins – Durnan *for recording purposes.* **Apologies** Apologies were received from H Merriman (Vice Chair); N McPhee; and G Connolly.	
2	**Minutes of the Meeting held on 04 February 2025** Members approved the minutes from the meeting held on 04 February 2025.	
3	**Matters Arising from the Meeting Held on 04 February 2025** • Card Reader This Item was carried forward to the next meeting. • R Melrose confirmed that the annual accounts were submitted to OSCR/Companies House with the deadline being met.	**DHD**
4	**GFW** i. **Senior Tutors Update** Finlay Allison reported concerns over low junior numbers which led to discussions on improving student offerings. He advised that Celine Donoghue is actively involved, creating a new WhatsApp group for current members and sending out a strategy message. The aim is to work as a team, train less experienced tutors, and ensure consistency. MT Allison advised that some juniors have joined St Rochs with the Irish programme proving popular with parents and the	

performance elements. MT Allison informed members that she had distributed leaflets to parents who attended last week and asked them to share in school WhatsApp groups etc. Members noted that maintaining junior enrolments has been challenging.

K Muirhead suggested a junior "come and try" event at Celtic Connections. However, F Allison responded that teaching young children to play the fiddle takes time.

FA requested formalising Celine's position as a senior tutor with the additional work being undertaken, this will be considered further.

F Allison informed members of a proposal received from a P Quinn for the setup of a GFW Orchestra. Members agreed to an adhoc Board meeting taking place on Tuesday 11 March 2025 with P Quinn being invited to discuss. F Allison requested D Higgins Durnan to share the proposal with members in advance of the meeting. **DHD**

ii. Finance Update

R Melrose reported that current finance numbers were good with most income being received from member fees. He provided members with a comparative figure given the increase in tutor hourly rate and member subscriptions.

R Melrose confirmed that the Gift Aid claim for 2022-2023 had now been received and he would submit the claim for 2023-2024.

R Melrose highlighted to members that given the recent preparation of the annual accounts, the Accountant has noted that with the recent purchasing of merchandise (hats and hoodies) that these are considered as assets and financial/stock controls should be in place.

iii. Events

I. Central Station

R Warrillow provided an update to members. She confirmed that she was now unable to attend, however, had organised J Raison to assist with setup arrangements on the day.

R Warrilow highlighted the requirement for someone to uplift fundraising buckets/leaflets. K Lane confirmed that this would be picked up and confirmed the times of the event (10am set up for 11am start).
Members discussed the slot allocated for fifty attendees and agreed to announce at the breaks and pub session to gauge interest.

iv. Volunteers List

K Lane advised members that she was considering creating a volunteers database with contact details so they may be called on for events/activities. Discussion followed and members agreed that the Board required additional members to operate GFW effectively and share the workload. Members discussed a requirement from GFW members that attended on both nights for cover with skills and experience in areas such as administration, finance, website maintenance and social media etc. Members agreed to seek volunteers through announcements on class night breaks.

5 AOCB

No other items were discussed.

6 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 01 April 2025